AMENDING THE ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PAY FOR PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY ASSIGNED TO DUTY ON SUBMARINES AND TO DIVING DUTY, TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PAY FOR DIVING IN DEPTHS OF LESS THAN 90 FEET, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS

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Mr. Walsh, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2455]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2455) to amend the act entitled "An act to provide additional pay for personnel of the United States Navy assigned to duty on submarines and to diving duty," to include additional pay for diving in depths of less than 90 feet under certain conditions, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment, and recommend that the bill do pass.

The bill provides for two amendments to the act of April 9, 1928 (45 Stat. 412) as amended (49 Stat. 1091); one amendment relating to additional pay for submarine duty, and the other relating to addi-

tional pay for diving duty.

SUBMARINE PAY

The purpose of this amendment is to insure payment to officers of the Navy engaged in submarine duty, of the 25 percent additional of the pay of their rank and service under any amendments to the pay laws. This is deemed necessary because the act of April 9, 1928 (45 Stat. 412) as amended (49 Stat. 1091) provides that the 25 percent additional pay shall be based on the officer's pay as "now provided." The amendment is necessary to insure a continuation of this additional pay based upon pay as may be "now or hereafter" provided in view of the possible amendments to the existing pay laws.

DIVING PAY

The purpose of this amendment is to provide additional pay for diving operations in depths of less than 90 feet of an extraordinarily hazardous nature. It is contemplated that the Secretary of the Navy will issue instructions to be used as a guide in the determination of the officer in charge of diving operations as to when such conditions exist.

The committee is unable to furnish an estimate of the cost of the bill in view of the uncertainty of the extent and frequency of the services for which additional pay is provided.

The bill was introduced at the request of the Navy Department and has been cleared by the Bureau of the Budget.

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